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Decision 93516 SEP 1 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of SAN)
 LUIS TRANSPORTATION, INC., dba CENTRAL)
 COAST TRANSIT, for authority to operate)
 as a passenger stage corporation between)
 points in San Luis Obispo and Santa)
 Barbara Counties, California.)

Application 60728
 (Filed July 10, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation along 12 routes in San Luis Obispo County, under Commission certificate PSC-1142. Also, it operates a local taxicab business in San Luis Obispo, and applicant's president has previously conducted a passenger stage service in Monterey County under Commission certificate PSC-988.

By this application, applicant requests an extension of its authority to add an additional passenger stage route between Grover City, Oceano, Nipomo Mesa, Guadalupe, and Santa Maria. The route is designed to serve the local transit needs of these communities and connections may be made with applicant's other certificated routes at Grover City for San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, Arroyo Grande, and other points. Passenger fares of between \$.50 and \$1.50 will be charged, depending on distance of travel. Two 45-passenger buses are available for this route.

Notice of this application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar and applicant served copies on Greyhound Lines, Inc. and other interested parties. There are no passenger stage corporations authorized to operate any similar services in the territory.^{1/}

1/ A protest was filed August 10, 1981 by Greyhound, but we find ✓ the protest unpersuasive. Applicant's proposed route travels

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Applicant's balance sheet reflects assets of \$204,000 including cash accounts totaling approximately \$24,000 and property (principally operating vehicles) of \$109,000 after allowance for depreciation.

Finally, applicant has considerable transportation experience, as has been discussed above.

The Commission's Transportation Division recommends that the requested authority be granted as provided in the ensuing order.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation along a route between Grover City, Oceano, Nipomo Mesa, Guadalupe, and Santa Maria.
2. There are no other passenger stage corporations presently offering this type of service in this territory.
3. Applicant has expertise and financial resources to operate and maintain the proposed services.
4. The proposed fares are justified.
5. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
6. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and the sought authority should be granted. Since the public will benefit from immediate authorization of these services, the following order should be effective today.

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over substantially different streets and highways (State Highways 1 and 166) than Greyhound's intercity line (U.S. Highway 101), and will include service to several communities presently lacking bus service (Oceano, Nipomo Mesa, Guadalupe). On these facts, we find that Public Utilities Code Section 1032 does not bar our granting this application. ✓

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to San Luis Transportation, Inc. authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code Section 226 between the points and over the routes set forth in Third Revised Page 2 and Second Revised Page 9 of Appendix A, Decision 92599, attached.

2. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in its tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least five days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective five or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

Dated SEP 1 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John G. Byrne
President
Richard D. [unclear]
Donald W. [unclear]
Walter [unclear]
Priscilla C. [unclear]
Commissioners

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*Added by Decision 93516, Application 60728.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (Continued)

Route 11. Arroyo Grande - Grover City

Commencing at the intersection of Ash and Spruce Streets in Arroyo Grande; thence north on Spruce Street, west on Poplar Street and north on Juniper to Grand Avenue; thence west on Grand Avenue, north on Oak Park Boulevard, west on Atlantic City Avenue, and south on Fourth Street to Grand Avenue; thence east on Grand Avenue, south on Thirteenth Street, east on The Pike, north on Elm Street, east on Farroll Road, north on Halcyon Road, and east on Fair Oaks Avenue, northwest on Traffic Way, northeast on Poole Street and northwest on Mason Street to its intersection with Branch Street.

Route 12. San Luis Obispo - Avila Beach - Port San Luis

Commencing at the intersection of Osos and Palm Streets in San Luis Obispo, thence south on Osos Street, southwest on Santa Barbara Street, west on South Street, south on Higuera Street and west on Madonna Road to the Madonna Plaza Shopping Center. The route then continues via Madonna Road and U.S. Highway 101 south to the Avila Beach exit, thence west on Avila Road to Avila Hot Springs at the intersection of Avila Road and Calle Joaquin. The route then continues west on Avila Road and South on San Miguel Street to its intersection with Second Street in Avila Beach, thence via Harford Drive to Port San Luis.

*Route 13. Grover City - Oceano - Nipomo Mesa - Guadalupe - Santa Maria

Commencing at the intersection of 13th Street and Grand Avenue in Grover City, thence south on Thirteenth Street to State Highway 1 in Oceano, thence, southerly along Highway 1 to the Nunes Market on Highway 1 (Nipomo Mesa), thence continuing southerly along Highway 1 to a stop in Guadalupe at a safe and convenient location along Highway 1 between Eleventh Street and State Highway 166, thence east on State Highway 166 to Santa Maria, stopping at a safe and convenient location on State Highway 166 (West Main Street) between Blosser Road and Broadway; thence south on Broadway to the Town Center Shopping Mall.

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